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Thus convinced himself Purandaradasa preached his faith to others. He told men that to please God should be their one object in life; the pleasing of others is a secondary matter. The harm that any one can do to us being angry with us is little. The good they can give becoming propitious is of no value. Can the dog bite the man who is riding on the elephant? While God, the refuge of the humble and meek, is with His servant, what will anyone do to him being angry? Purandaradasa makes it clear, however, that it is no small matter to become God's servant. That service is not for men of the world, for it implies giving up the evil in oneself and living in thought of the Deliverer. The dirt within must go; one should hear constantly of the works of God; one should be at peace. One should know the heart of the righteous and meek and without intermission think of God's feet. One should hold in control the bodily senses and the faculties of mind and gain knowledge; should endure prosperity and decline and bear oneself humbly; should consider as equal honour and disgrace and ponder on and sing the greatness of God. One should realise that God pervades everything, is everything, is at the heart of everything, and call on God continually, and think on that source of holiness continually and not feel self-complacent. All this is not easy. So far a

beginning, man may well serve God's servants.

"To become your servant is the fruit- of
the accumulated
merit of how many lives! O Bright and
Merciful God,
Eternal Source of Good, grant me in
fulness the service of
your servants."

Failure in the world is not necessarily
failure in

the highest purpose of life. If men will
not have you,